

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Claims 13-16 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 4-10 stand rejected.

Claims 2, 3, 11, and 12 stand objected to.

Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended.

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Applicants thank Examiner Phan for his time in preparing for and conducting the interview of April 8, 2004, and for his careful consideration and insightful suggestions, which Applicants have found most helpful in progressing this Application.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103


Claims 1, 4-6, and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Baydar et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,717,693 (Baydar) in view of Derbenwick et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,262,975 (Derbenwick).

In light of the discussions between Applicants and the Examiner during the Examiner Interview of April 8, 2004, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 4, and 7. Applicants respectfully submit that in light of these amendments, which Applicants believe to be in harmony with those discussions, Claims 1-16 are now in condition for allowance and request the Examiner reconsider the rejections and objections thereto.

CONCLUSION

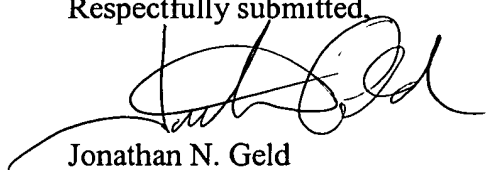
In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

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